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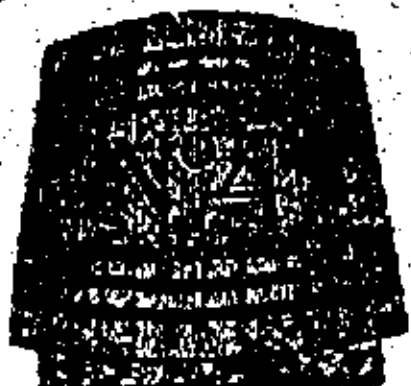
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To-night's Play.

To-night the Company are giving us for the third time a play from the pen of Mr. Somerset Maugham. We have already had "Lady Frederick" and "Mrs. Dot," and now we are to see "Jack Straw," a piece which is still delighting London audiences. "Jack Straw," a foreign waiter, is introduced by Lady Wansley and Ambrose Holland, to pass himself off as an aristocrat in order to give a lesson to the Parker-Jennings family, who possess millions of money and the low manners of the class from which mammon has uplifted them. Incidentally it must be mentioned the gentleman has met the waiter before in the wilds of America, where he knew him well as Jack Straw. The waiter chooses to be passed off as an Archduke, who has been missing for four years and enters into the game because he finds he has fallen in love with Miss Parker-Jennings, who resents the ill-mannerisms of her folk. The Archduke is introduced to the Parker-Jennings' family and is received with royal acclamation. He accepts an invitation to their country house and Mrs. Parker-Jennings, who wishes to show the country what her money can do gives a garden party to which all the county go. In the meantime Lady Wansley and Ambrose Holland find Jack Straw has been going further than they wished him ask him to throw it up and clear out. Jack Straw to their great chagrin absolutely refuses and as a last resource Ambrose confesses his complicity in the imposition. The situation becomes ludicrously funny when Jack Straw refuses to leave the house and insists upon keeping up the part of the Archduke. Matters are very complicated at the time as the foreign Ambassador arrives at the house and Jack Straw dundfounds everybody by meeting his country's Ambassador on the most friendly terms. The last act shows every one entreating Jack Straw to leave the house peacefully. To them all Jack turns a deaf ear, coolly informing them that he is very comfortable. Matters are brought to a climax by the return of the Ambassador, when the latter on being told of the imposition tells the company most emphatically that Jack Straw is the real Archduke, but owing to a difference with his royal father four years ago, over his desire to marry a girl from the stage left his country and had been leading a roaming life since. His father is now reconciled and consents to his marriage with Miss Parker-Jennings who accepts him.

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On Monday afternoon previous to the
breaking up of St. Joseph's College for the
Christmas holidays, the annual prize dis-
tribution took place. These prizes were
presented by His Excellency Sir Frederick
Lugard, who presented the prizes to the
successful scholars was accompanied by
Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary,
and Captain Simson, A.D.C. Amongst
these present were the Right Rev. Bishop
Pozzani, Rev. E. J. Barnett, Rev. Father
Spahn, Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul General for
Portugal and Brazil, Mr. de Silva, and
Madame Voicicelli.

Brother Christian the Director of
the College said:—Before laying before
Your Excellency the report for the year,
I wish to express the regret all in the
College felt at the removal of Brother
Sykes, my predecessor. He was called
by his superior to Colombo last March.
The duty however of replacing him, was
made comparatively easy, through the ex-
cellent spirit he had fostered, while in the
College.

The attendance during the year averaged
330.94, while the number on the roll at
present is 334. I must compliment many of
our boys on the efforts they made. Many
parents take great interest in them, and
insist on the regular attendance of their
sons. Boys who are irregular are a hind-
rance to the general progress of the school.
Desires they could be trained to those im-
portant habits, which make the successful
student or business man—punctuality and
perseverance. The conduct of the boys
in general is all that could be desired. In
their dealings with their teachers and
their companions they behave as gentle-
men. In this respect our boarders deserve
special commendation.

The weekly reports still continue to be
an excellent stimulus to our boys. Many
of them are great interest in them, and
signatures regularly. These, and the monthly
examinations give an ample opportunity
for constant and thorough work. I beg to
remind those parents who are careless
about signing the reports that we expect
them to aid in the education of their child-
ren in this way. Every means should be
taken to encourage regular daily work.
The special subjects taught in the College
continue to make steady progress. In the
short-hand examinations which were held
under the management of the local short-
hand committee we obtained the following
results: Nine boys got 3rd. Grade certifi-
cates, six obtained 2nd. Grade certificates,
and three obtained 1st. Class certificates.
C. Sequeira and F. Ozorio were awarded
1st. Class certificates for 100 words per
minute in addition to a Full Certificate of
Proficiency. E. Marques also obtained a
Full Certificate of Proficiency and a 1st.
Class certificate for 80 words a minute. At
present about 30 boys follow the shorthand
and typewriting classes.

Our last Oxford results were very en-
couraging. Six Seniors were presented for
the examination and all passed. F. Lopez
getting distinction in Spanish. Twelve
Juniors sat for the examination and 9
passed. J. Thuan and E. Marques getting
distinction in Religious Knowledge. Six
teen preliminary boys were presented and
all passed. The total number of passes being
21. Ten of our boys entered for the local
shield competition in hygiene, but we
have not yet received the result.

As a means of encouraging the study of
English a gold medal this year. I must say the
boys took much interest in it. In fact
their efforts were much appreciated by a
large audience of kind friends and patrons.
A special word of thanks is due to the
Hon. Sec., Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General
for U.S.A., Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul-General
for Portugal and Brazil, and Mr. G. T.
Lloyd, editor of the *Sin Chai Morning Post*.
These gentlemen generously volunteered
to give prizes to the successful candidates.

A library of interesting and in-
structive literature has been opened in
connection with the Oxford class, and we
note with pleasure that our boys devote
great profit from it. Any little contribu-
tion from our generous friends will be
thankfully received.

The Chinese department of the College
is becoming more efficient. The boys who
enter under 10 take up a very good English
time, but those who begin the study of
English over 14 rarely acquire a correct
English accent. Some boys in this de-
partment are very irregular. Their parents
must keep them home for the study of
English. Three of the boys who
passed the late Oxford examination were
Chinese, but it should be remembered that
these boys began English in the 1st. Stan-
dard.

Our boys continue to take a lively in-
terest in football. We have entered two
teams for the shield competition this year,
but as they are allowed the use of the
playground at Causeway Bay for only a
few hours a week, much cannot be ex-
pected from them.

Nowadays outdoor games are essential
to every well-equipped College. At pre-
sent we have only one small yard for play,
where the boys have hardly standing room.
Of course our position is such that we can-
not get a larger cricket field. But I be-
lieve that a very good tennis court could
be made by walling in and levelling the
garden in front of the College. This would
cost a considerable sum but no doubt many
of our generous old boys and kind patrons
would come to our aid.

Inspector of Schools Report.

STAFF:—Bro. Christian, 11 Assistant
Masters and 1 Chinese Assistant Teacher.
DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION:—Very
good.
SANITATION:—Very satisfactory.
FLOOR SPACE:—Sufficient for 522 boys.
APPARATUS:—Very satisfactory.
B-CLASS:—Good throughout.
COLLOQUIAL:—Good on the whole. Stan-
dard VI very good.
COMPOSITION:—Good to fair. Poor in I.
The essays in VII Junior were not quite
up to the usual standard. In Standards V
and VI essays should be crime and not
merely the reproduction of stories. The
pupils in the upper standards have not a
great stock of ideas on general subjects for
essays.
DICTATION:—Good.
GRAMMAR:—Good on the whole. In
Standard IV parsing was faulty and in VI it
was done in a somewhat slovenly manner.
In this Standard too, the spelling of gram-
matical terms was very poor.
GEOGRAPHY:—Good. Standard V might
have done better if the questions set had
been more carefully studied.
HISTORY:—Good. VII Junior very good.
A noticeable feature in all the papers was
the absence of dates. Had dates been

given even to a limited extent the per-
centage of marks would have been very
much higher. In Standard V the difference
between the good and poor papers was so
marked that it seems difficult to believe
that all the pupils in this class received the
same instruction.

ARITHMETIC:—Very good in I, IV, VI
and VII Senior. Good in III and V, and
fair only in II and VII Junior.
ALGEBRA:—Fair in Std. V. The prob-
lems were weak. Std. VI very good.
Std. VII Junior poor 39%, Senior very fair
37%. Std. VII Senior was also weak in
the problems.

GEOMETRY:—Std. VI fair. VII Junior
fair. Senior good.
GEOMETRICAL DRAWING:—Std. V only.
poor. Marks were lost as no boy attempted
question 5, an easy question. Full marks
were given for 5/8 of the paper. Several
boys failed to draw any marks.

BOOKKEEPING:—Very good Std. VII
Senior and Junior.
LITERATURE:—Std. VI and VII Senior
and Junior. Std. VI good on the whole.
Std. VII Junior poor 39%, Senior very fair
37%.

CHINESE DIVISION:—(3 standards in all).
ENGLISH READING:—Good in Std. I and
II, fair in III. The pronunciation of many
of the pupils was defective. Colloquial,
Composition, and Grammar. Std. I, II, and
III. Std. I, poor, in II, and very
good in III. The handwriting was neat.

GRAMMAR:—Good in II and fair in III.
GEOMETRY:—Good.
ARITHMETIC:—Very good in I, very fair
in II, and excellent in III.

CHINESE READING:—Good except in II
where there were too many pupils who
could not read at all.
COMPOSITION:—Good on the whole.
Class I should do better in building, II
question and answer, and III a letter.

The standard of Chinese class III is not
very high. (It corresponds with the IV
class of 6 classes, Class I being the highest
at the Ellis Kadooria school). The pupils
should be divided up into separate Chinese
classes according to their merits. At
present the English and Chinese classes
are the same. This system naturally tends
to keep smart boys back.

CHINESE:—Seniors show a slight
falling off since last year. The general
standard of the work however is good. I
therefore again return the school as
"thoroughly efficient" and recommend
Full Grants.

In conclusion I beg to present my most
grateful thanks to the following gentlemen
for their generous contributions to our Prize
fund: Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lamb-
ton, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. A. P. Wilder,
Consul-General for U.S.A., Consul-
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Ellis Kadooria, The Catholic Union for
their prize of \$25 for the best paper in
Religious Knowledge, Mr. Bellios for the
scholarship of \$25 for the best paper in
English, Mr. Shing Ken, Mr. S. Kingsbury.

The Governor's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor said:—My
Lord Bishop, Reverend Fathers, Ladies
and Gentlemen.—When I had pleasure
and privilege last year of distributing the
prizes here I was able to congratulate the
masters and the boys on a very distinct
and marked progress. I am very glad to
be able to say this year that I can con-
gratulate you on an even more marked
progress than last year, both in attendance
and in the results of the Oxford Local
Examinations. The average daily atten-
dance last year was 299; this year it is 337,
which is a very good proportion of the
total maximum enrolment. In the matter
of the Oxford Local Examination we have
just heard from the Reverend Director that
this year six pupils passed in the senior,
one with distinction, and six in the junior
division, and that nine passed in the
junior division, two with distinction, as
against only seven last year. These are
results which you may be very proud of,
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Amusements.

8 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 24:—

Goods per Derfflinger undelivered after

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FRIDAY, December 25:—

Exchange Banks Closed.

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SATURDAY, December 26:—

9 p.m.—Grand Concert at City Hall.

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TUESDAY, December 29:—

Goods per Persia undelivered after this

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of birth, the death, and principal events

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mentioned to him. Dr HENRI relates the

case of a woman whose intellect and speech

were both very limited, and who, when

her age was told her, at once reduced it

mentally to minutes. AGRICULTURE speaks

of an idiot woman whose chief pleasure

was to work out numerical problems.

There are all possible intermediate

stages between the most pronounced in-

fantillism and the normal state. A cer-

tain hereditary predisposition, taken in

connection with children's diseases,

sensility, alcoholism, or tuberculosis,

explains some of these stoppages of

development. They are often the con-

sequences of infectious disease contracted

in childhood, and more particularly

alterations of the thyroid gland.

The French professors have made out

a strong case against the Englishman's

theory and the ordinary public will be

content to let it rest there. Meanwhile

the case of the backward child profits

immensely by the discussion. Now that

we know something of the causes of the

apparent backwardness it will not be

difficult to devise means of removing the

hindrances to satisfactory mental de-

velopment, each case being sympathet-

ically approached and studied on its

own merits.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Austrian-Hungarian cruiser Leo-

pold, arrived in the harbour this morning.

The s.s. Kinkiang (China Navigation

Co.) came out of dock at Quarry Bay,

this morning.

The Reach All-American base-ball

team, with the redoubtable Mike Fisher in

charge, left for Manila to-day, by the

THE STATUS OF THE MANCHUS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 21.
The Prince Regent takes a very great interest in all matters regarding the status of the Manchus.

CHINESE-PORTUGUESE CONVENTION ANNULLED.

(Wah Tai Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, December 21.
The Board of Foreign Affairs has informed the Portuguese Minister that the convention with regard to the Canton-Macao Railway, made with the Portuguese Government, shall be hereafter annulled.

THE YAMUATI TRAGEDY.

The police are still continuing their investigations into the Yamuati tragedy. The circumstances all seem to point to the case being one of determined murder. It appears that the victim, who is a Chinaman, had been employed at a godown and was in the habit of going to bed early in the evening and rising at an early hour in the morning. He was last seen alive at seven o'clock on Sunday evening, and on the following morning when two folk entered the premises they found him lying on the ground dead. His hands were tied behind his back and in his mouth was a gag. The body was still warm. The victim was apparently entrusted with the collection of small sums of money for his master, and at the time he was attacked should have had about \$20 in his possession.

SERVICES FOR TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

In connection with the administrative staff, Divine Service will be held for the troops on Christmas Day as follows:—
Church of England, troops at Victoria, at the Cathedral, at 8.30 a.m. The Chaplain will officiate; Lyman troops, barracks, at 11.15 a.m., Chaplain; Military Hospital, Bowen Hotel, 6.0 p.m., Chaplain; Kowloon, St. Andrew's Church, 11.0 a.m., Rector; Stonecutters, barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Mount Austin, barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Sanatorium, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Baptist, Victoria, Union Church, 11.30 a.m., Officiating Minister; Congregationalist, Victoria, Union Church, 11.30 a.m., Officiating Minister; Wesleyan, Victoria, Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m., Officiating Minister; Roman Catholic, Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10.0 a.m., Officiating Clergyman.
At 8.30 a.m. Church of England Service at the Cathedral there will be celebration of the Holy Communion, and the collections will be given to the local hospitals.
For the convenience of Roman Catholics there will be services on Christmas Day at 7.45 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 8.35 a.m. and 9 a.m. Solemn Mass at 10 a.m.
On New Year's Day Divine Service for Roman Catholics will take place at St. Joseph's Church at 11 a.m. and 9 a.m.

XMAS GIFTS FOR ALL.

It is now but a few days to Christmas, and the question "what shall I give to-and-so?" must be occurring in the minds of many folk in Hongkong. A cursory inspection even of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's magnificent stock should adequately answer the query. This firm has won for itself an enviable reputation for the manner in which they feel the pulse of the purchasing public, and this has only been gained by always keeping a thoroughly up-to-date stock in hand.

Just now a visit to their extensive establishment is well worth the making. The wants of all can be satisfied—lady, gentleman, boy or girl. For a gift to a lady what could be better than a series of prettily leather bound volumes of the poets, a really handsome autograph album, a bridge set, a set of massive silver or brass frames, a dainty writing case, or a pretty hand bag? Then for gentlemen there is an equally wide range, consisting of gold mounted pipes, fountain pens, wallets, collar boxes, pocket knives, military brushes, pens, etc.
The children are certainly well considered, for there is a bewildering array of picture and story books. These comprise beautifully illustrated toy volumes, linen and rag books, the usual annuals, books of fairy tales, Buster Brown, Foxxy Grandpa, and Golliwogg books; as well as a fine selection of wholesome and informative volumes for those who have passed over the reading difficulty. In fact, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh have the largest and best selection of children's books in the Far East.

Realizing that the beauty of a home is largely enhanced by copies of celebrated pictures, the firm has just secured a new stock of fine art reproductions—famous works by the leading artists. These consist of engravings, autotypes, and collotypes, in which there may also be found studies of beautiful heads, sea and landscape pictures, sacred art, animal studies, etc. Quite a feature is being made of the famous reproductions from the famous photographs by Mr. F. H. May, F.R.S.
Then there is a fine collection of Xmas and New Year Cards, as well as a varied selection of fancy calendars, but a visit to the establishment is necessary in order to adequately appreciate this splendid stock.

MR TAIT'S SECRETARY OF STATE.

Dr. A. P. Wilder, on being interviewed on Mr. Tait's choice of Secretary of State said:—Phillander Chase Knox, who will succeed Elihu Root and John Hay, and, far back, Webster, Clay, Seward, Bayard, and an unbroken line of the finest legal ability, dignity and character, in this first office in the Cabinet, is a man of fifty-five years of age, in the zenith of his powers. He was unknown as a national figure until seven years ago when President McKinley appointed him Attorney General. He held this post for three years and then entered the United States Senate. Senator Knox is a Republican from Pennsylvania, the state of coal and the iron industry, devoted to the tariff, the state of Philadelphia, the second largest city in the country, and of wealthy, busy Pittsburg. Like many successful public men in the United States, he was born in a small place in that state. His people were not poor but were by no means prominent. His father was a country banker. He graduated from a country college and began the practice of law in Pittsburg, being admitted at the age of 22.

Twenty years later he was elected President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, which betokens the highest standing in his profession in that state. Senator Knox is a man of small height, with a smooth strong face, a man of dignity but without affectations. He is always faultlessly dressed. He is one who would attract attention in any company. As with most lawyers of dominant quality, the large affairs and large fees of corporate practice interested him. The Pennsylvania Railroad is the largest industry of that state and it was among his clients. When earlier he was appointed Attorney General, the usual cry of corporation lawyer was raised by the champions of the "masses" but much to their surprise the Pittsburgh lawyer who knew the ins and outs of these methods as for few legally trained men of the nation did, proved equal to both sides of the game. McKinley died and President Roosevelt began his splendid work compelling organized capital to keep within the law, and it was largely the knowledge and the cleverness of his prosecuting officer that scored some of the conspicuous victories of the first Roosevelt administration. Mr. Knox went into the Senate three years later and here he soon took his place as a leader, together with Spooner, as a constitutional exponent. It was to these two men that Mr. Roosevelt looked for statesmanlike discussions of large questions and on frequent occasions their defence satisfied the questioning of the thoughtful voters of the country. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate gathers up the ablest men of that body and Senator Knox was on it.

In the last presidential campaign he was offered by his friends but it is doubtful if his qualities are such as to make him successful in a plebiscite. Calm, intellectually strong, accustomed to lead, first of all a jurist and advocate in the largest concerns, a subtle nature rather than transparent, it is doubtful if he has the magnetic quality so desirable in a "vote getter." It is fortunate in representative government that ability can obtain advantage from appointment as well as by popular election. It would be misleading, however, to represent the new Secretary of State as cold and forbidding. He has a courteous way, there is humor in him; but his best work is done in grappling with fundamental principles and in co-operation, not with a crowd but with his equals. As with all men whom Roosevelt and Tait have drawn about them in high posts, Senator Knox is a man of blameless life and a finished gentleman. The choicest personal qualities, entrenched in skilled legal attainments of the first rank, reinforced by a certain quiet shrewdness, seem to me frankly to denote the intellectual and personal make-up of the man. The post is a most difficult one to fill for the incumbent becomes in a sense a world figure and his equipment must be on a broad line. Among a people of many millions, in any country, and with no lack of ability for even the high positions, it makes one thoughtful to think how very few men possess the combined qualities requisite for the two or three highest posts. It is indeed true, as Webster said, "there is room at the top."

The appointment takes Senator Knox from the arena of internal controversy to the international field. His training in diplomacy has been brief, save as his legal life, pitted against the best talent and pleading before the highest courts have laid a competent foundation; but he brings a thorough knowledge of American sentiment; he knows the Roosevelt-Tait policies; and his coolness, native dignity, and rectitude of purpose give promise of a notable administration of the affairs of the Department of State. It will be gratifying to meet of other countries to know that, like his Chief, the President-Elect, he is devoid of hysteria and anything approaching jingoism. I should say that like Mr. Tait he would meet a crisis by deliberate, frank and fair discussion. In the past fifteen years a new school of diplomacy has been evolved. To conceal truth is no longer the mark of a diplomat. Every American feels that the choice of Senator Knox for this post assures competent work by the leading statesman. Incidentally he allies with Mr. Tait in all matters, a personal friend, one enjoying his confidence.

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NOTES FROM MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MACAO, 20th December.

At the Club de Macao yesterday evening we were delightedly treated to the first of a series of informal dances which are coming on by way of diversion to the humdrum strains of the winter evenings. The lobby was tastefully lined with flowers and when dancing began at about 9.15 p.m. the hall was a pretty scene with a sprinkling of greenery which added a simple charm to the radiance of electric globes. The inclemency of the weather was to blame for having thinned away the presence of the gentle sex; but the entertaining ones who helped to the success of the gathering, at the risk of a chill, did so with a hearty good spirit. His Excellency the governor was present with Miss Rogadas. Throughout the evening light dallies and a well-lined buffet catered invitingly to inner wants and when the party broke up shortly after one the guests were grateful for the attention efficiently extended by the promoters of the hop.

The engagement of our popular soloist, Sr. H. Nolasco da Silva to Miss Amalia Basto, youngest daughter of the well known barrister Comdr. A. J. Basto, has been welcomed by the many friends of the young couple.
Our Post-Office bungalow has been looking quite spick-and-span after the coat of paint and whitewash it got some time ago; but when fault finding with the officials in charge comes night to being proverbial it certainly does suggest a thorough overhaul in the staff as well, since a right notion of their duties appears to be an absent condition, and a rigid inquiry an imperative fact.

A contract has been signed in Lisbon with the agent of Messrs Yarrow and Co. of Glasgow for two river gunboats which are to reinforce the flotilla at Guinea.
The gambet Patris under the command of Capt. de Camara Lemos was on her way out here and instructions had been wired that letters for the officers and crew could be forwarded to reach Colombo before 17th ulto. Intelligence has now come to hand that she had put up at Port Said pending the return to Lisbon by rail of her Captain who went to report the inefficiency of the vessel which he had been charged of taking any further as she had made a poor show till that point with the best of wind and sea. Her eventual destination is now problematical.

The cruiser D. Amelia left home for this on 28th ult. She carries a complement of well equipped cadets who are coming out for their first whiff of the briny main.
Drip! Drip! Drip! goes the monotonous rain on the pavement without as I close this. The weather has been anything but sprightly for three days and it looks as if we were in for another cheerful spell.

AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHIPING.

AMOI, Nov. 17.
As the S.S. Glouffloch was coming in this morning about 11 a.m. from Hongkong, and just as she was passing the Cornwallis stone, a Chinaman jumped overboard. Fortunately, Mr. J. C. Veir, 1st Class Tidewater, and acting Boarding Officer, saw the man leap from the deck of the ship from his gig which was coming alongside at that moment. With commendable promptitude and presence of mind Mr. Veir steered his gig to where he saw the man go under and as he rose, caught him by the coat, and with difficulty got him into the boat. Prompt measures for restoring animation soon brought the man round and he seems little the worse for his desperate act. If it had not been for the prompt action of Mr. Veir, the man must certainly have been drowned, and the rescue is to be highly commended on the way he tackled the job, thus suddenly thrust in his way.

The S.S. Bandi Maru arrived in port on Tuesday from Moji, with a large consignment of coal for Messrs Boyd and Co. The H.A.S.S. Aragonia also arrived on the same day, bringing a big shipment of coal oil for the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

SHOOTING.
A shooting match was held on Wednesday afternoon from 4.30 to 5.30 on Kulusang. Messrs Thomas, Bathurst and Rocher were the participants, the winner being the latter gentleman who hit 9 day pigeons out of 10, on two occasions. The other two competitors came out about level.

WEATHER.
The cloudy just now is fog, and mist and dull, cloudy weather. There has been no wind of any kind for the last three days. This afternoon it commenced to rain again. A cyclone was signalled at midday, and N.E. of Formosa, travelling N.E., which may account for the troubled state of the weather. A N.E. gale is expected any hour, so we may look for a change for the better before another day passes.

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WITH the dry, cold weather of the early winter months, parents of croupy children should be on the alert for ominous symptoms. There is no cause for anxiety when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is kept in the house. If this medicine is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, the attack may be warded off. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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COMPANY MEETING.

The Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.

The thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd., was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at Shanghai. Mr. David Landale presided.

The notice convening the meeting was read.
The chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Following the usual procedure at meetings in Shanghai, I propose, with your approval, to take the report and accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1908, which have been in your hands for some days, as read. At the last annual meeting, I remarked that the outlook could not be called brilliant, but that there indications that the Yarn trade was assuming a more normal course and I have now to inform you that during the first six months of our financial year the demand for our spinning left a great deal to be desired, but in the early summer months, the tide turned and enabled us to gradually improve our margin in profit. At the beginning of August, the situation appeared to warrant our again working the mill at night, and the necessary hands having been secured, day and night work was commenced on the 17th of that month since when it has been continued without interruption and materially helped the result for the twelve months under review. As you can well understand, night and day work turns our European hands to the utmost, and the general managers desire to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the able manner in which the staff has overcome the difficulties of keeping the mill running continuously, and of securing the record production, which they have done, and which testify that the machinery is in first class order. (Applause.)

I am happy to say that the outlook for the immediate future is encouraging, our production having been sold for the first four months of our financial year, that is to the end of February, at satisfactory day and night working profits on our purchases of cotton, which cover all sales, and, considering the comparatively small stocks in Shanghai of India and Japan ex yarns, combined with the increasing consumption of yarn made in China, I venture to express the hope that we shall be able to continue to run our mill day and night, and come before you at this time next year with a report at least as satisfactory as the one now under discussion. (Applause.) During the year, cotton was of a fair average quality, but the crop of better grades was short, and the deficit was made good with importations from India. I trust that the proposed approval of the balance sheet of credit of profit and loss account will meet with your approval, and that you will consider a dividend of 5 per cent. satisfactory. The general managers and consulting engineers are of opinion that it is advisable to add Rs. 188,000 to repairs and renewals account, the balance at credit of that account, which, as you will remember, was inaugurated in 1905, being reduced to Rs. 7,724 on 31st October. The entire sum of Rs. 188,000, I feel sure, commend itself to you. On special repairs and renewals, the sum of Rs. 15,374.53 has been expended, which amount besides covering the cost of numerous improvements, includes the cost of mechanical stockers for the four boilers at the mill. The stockers have been in working order for some weeks, and in the saving of fuel, not to speak of a considerable abatement of smoke, will return good interest on the money spent. I do not know that any other items call for special comment, with perhaps, the exceptions of interest and fire insurance, which, owing to our working with comparatively small stock of yarn, compare very favourably with the expenditure in the previous year, interest being practically one half what it was in the preceding twelve months. I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be asked.

There were two questions and on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the report and accounts as presented were adopted.
The chairman proposed that a dividend of 5 per cent. be paid out of last year's profits. Mr. Chughtai seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. H. J. Clark proposed that the consulting committee as at present constituted be re-elected for the current year.—On this being seconded by Mr. Brodie A. Clark the motion was carried unanimously.
Mr. G. R. Wingrove was re-elected as the company's auditor on a proposal by Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Drakeford.

The chairman thanked shareholders for their attendance and said that dividend warrants would be ready on the following day.
A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

On Saturday evening the first dance of the season in connection with Kowloon Dock was held. There was a large attendance, and a happy time was spent. Mr. Crawford was the M.C., and Mrs. Ramsay supplied the refreshments. The next dance will be on Saturday.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

A letter was read at the Sanitary Board meeting this afternoon, from the Government, relative to the appointment of Mr. Woodcock to act as Deputy Registrar at the Supreme Court and Mr. A. Gibson and Mr. Craig to continue to act as joint secretaries of the Sanitary Board.

The letter was as follows:—I am directed to state for the information of the Board that, owing to the exigencies of the public service, it has been necessary for His Excellency the Governor to appoint Mr. Woodcock to act as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court during the absence on leave of Mr. Lee Jones, and that it will therefore be necessary for the present to continue the existing arrangement under which the duties of secretary of the Sanitary Board are divided between Mr. Gibson and Mr. Craig. I regret that by an oversight this information was not conveyed to you prior to the last meeting of the Board.—Yours etc., F. H. May, Colonial Secretary.

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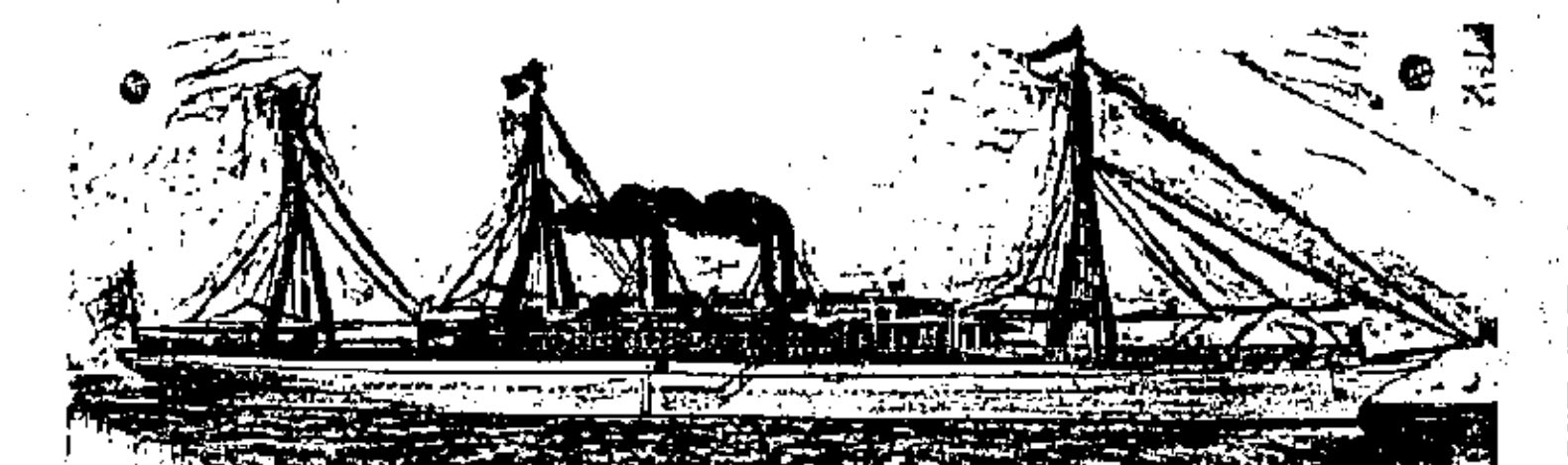
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MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 6265	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and SINGAPORE.	SADO MARU, Capt. Geo. Anderson, Tons 6227	WEDNESDAY, 9th Jan., at Daylight.
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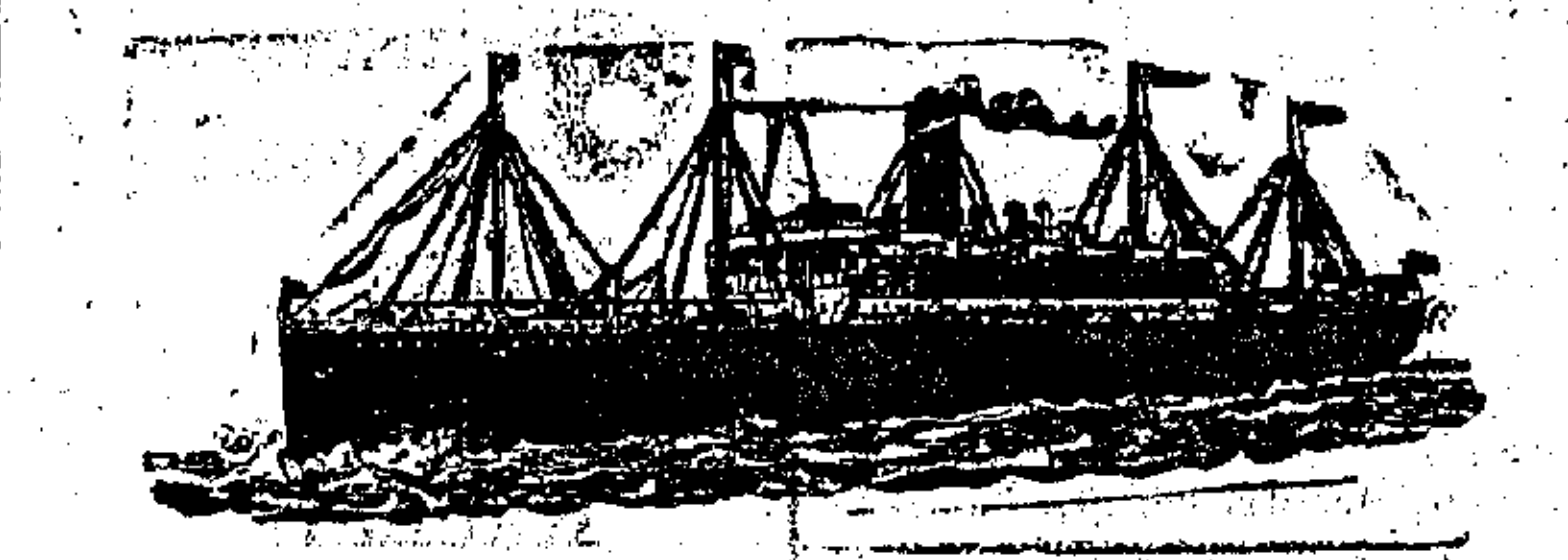
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CHIYO MARU ... 11,000 Tons	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
ASIA ... 9,500 "	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
MONGOLIA ... 27,000 "	SATURDAY, 9th Jan., at Noon.
TENYO MARU ... 21,000 "	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
KOREA ... 18,000 "	SATURDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMOI, MANILA, ILOILO & OEBU	SUNGIANG	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAI	Dec. 29, at 3 p.m.
MANILA	TAMING	Jan. 5, at 3 p.m.
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THE CO.'S S.S.	FOR	LEAVING
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL, 1903.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.	PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, Capt. E. Melchow.	About THURSDAY, 31st Dec.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMAR, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Isack.	THURSDAY, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.	BORNEO, Capt. F. Sembill.	19th Beginning of January.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	YUENSHING	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, TRINITY, WEIHAIR, CHEFOO & CHINGWANTAO	CHEONG SHING	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, PENANG, LAISANG, AND CALOUTTA	FOOSHING	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, PENANG, LAISANG, AND CALOUTTA	FOOSHING	THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at Noon.
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For	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL
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MARSEILLES, Via Ports	ERNEST SIMONS,	GIBARD.	Jan. 5, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	POLYNESIEN,	BROG.	Jan. 13, p.m.
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S.S. SAKONIA ... 27th Jan.	S.S. LUX OF OHL ... 6th Jan.
S.S. SPERZA ... 7th Feb.	For Havre and Hamburg
	S.S. ISTRIA ... 11th Jan.
	S.S. BARCELONA ... 25th Jan.
	S.S. C. FERD. LAETZ ... 28th Jan.
	S.S. SLAVONIA ... 28th Feb.
	S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 27th Feb.

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DELHI	28 Dec	VICTORIA	23 Jan	23 Jan
DEVANHA	28 Dec	MOREA	23 Jan	23 Jan
DELTA	28 Dec	MOULTAN	23 Jan	23 Jan
DELHI	28 Dec	CHINA	23 Jan	23 Jan
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WILL leave Hongkong on **MARCH 20th, 1909**, staying
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FARES TO LONDON:-
1st Saloon... £71.10 Single. £106.14 Return.
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "
For further Particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

THOS. COOK & SON.

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Operating the New Twin Screw Steamship
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BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND
ADRIATIC PORTS.)
The Company's Steamship
E. FRANZ FERDINAND,
Captain NIMICH, will be despatched as
above on or about THURSDAY, the 24th
December.
This Steamer has capital accommodation
for passengers, Electric Light and
carries a Doctor.
For information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SANDER, WILBER & CO.,
Agents.
Princes Buildings
Hongkong, November 27, 1908, 1698

UNITED STATES & CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON, VIA
SUVA CANAL.
(With Liberty to Call at the Malacca Coast.)
The Steamship
INDRAWADI,
Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 6th January,
1909.
For Freight, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1908, 1677

WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, can be
had at the Office. - Price, 80 Cents.
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Shipping.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.
FOR KUDAT & SANDAKAN,
Taking Cargo at Through Rates to
TAWAU, LABAD DATU, LABUAN,
JOLLO & MENADO.

THE Steamship
BORNEO,
Captain F. SCHUBB, (ready to load on
MONDAY, a.m.), will leave on TUESDAY,
the 18th inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 21, 1908, 1710

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE:
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
DERFFLINGER,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuable
articles, are being landed and stored at their
risk into the Godowns and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
Kowloon, and West Point God-
downs where delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the 24th of
December, when the equipment consisting of Pullman Sleeping Cars,
Private Compartment Car, Dining Car, Buffet Car, with Library, Barber Shop
and Bath, as well as Tourist Cars.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 24th of December,
at 9.30 a.m.
All claims must reach us before the 28th of
December, 1908, or they will not be re-
cognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 18, 1908, 1700

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S
STEAMER **SUNDA.**

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's
Godowns at Kowloon where each Consig-
nee will be sorted out Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be landed here un-
less instructions are given to the contrary
before 6 Hours.
Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at
4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consig-
nees and the Company's representative
as an appointed hour. All claims must be
presented within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognized. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
PRINZ WALDEMAR,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuable
articles, are being landed and stored at their
risk into the Godowns and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
Kowloon and West Point, where delivery
may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 19th of
December will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on the 19th of December,
at 9.30 a.m.
All claims must reach us before the 23rd
of December, 1908, or they will not be re-
cognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the undersigned.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 16, 1908, 1698

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship **Eratia**,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed at their risk into the han-
dous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Ltd., where delivery
may be obtained.
This Steamer brings on Cargo:-
From Yantai or s.s. **Alfred**, transhipped
at Trieste.
From Trieste or s.s. **Africa**, transhipped
at Bombay.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here
unless notice to the contrary be given
immediately.
No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Claims must be sent to the Office of the
Undersigned before Noon on the 23rd
December, 1908, or they will not be re-
cognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 23rd December, 1908, will be subject
to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WILBER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 17, 1908, 1698

Shipping.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.

The San Francisco Overland Routes.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., TOYO KISEN KAISHA (ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)
(Operating the LARGEST and FASTEST STEAMSHIPS on the PACIFIC) from
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Quick route from HONGKONG via Shanghai, Nagasaki, through the beautiful
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Sailing from HONGKONG at intervals of about 8 Days.

THE GREYHOUNDS OF THE PACIFIC.

The vessels comprising the fleet of the GREAT AMERICAN MAIL ROUTE
are of the most modern construction, containing all the latest appliances for safety
and fitted regardless of expense to afford absolute comfort and luxury.
Unsurpassed accommodations, unexcelled Cuisine and Service, most approved electrical
apparatus of the Incandescent System.
In finish, decoration, artistic skill and taste the steamers of the Joint Service
are the finest examples of the Ship Builder's Art and are the largest and most magnificent
Vessels afloat on the Pacific.
The remarkable Steadiness makes sea sickness practically impossible.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

Miss May Yoh is a passenger to Hong Kong by the Asia.

Mr. William Thompson, an engineer on the P.M. steamer Asia, died of dysentery during the voyage to Japan and was buried in Yokohama cemetery on December 14.

Lloyd's agent at Hamburg reports a remarkable chapter of marine accidents. The British steamship Torrington, from Nikolaioff, was beached at Wittenberg on account of damage to her rudder, and while she was aground she was run into by the German steamer Helen Heidmann. The Torrington received injury to her plates and the German vessel proceeded, her damage being unknown. The Torrington was then run into by the British steamer Corcoran, and then the German steamer Corcoran, for Emden, came on the scene and also struck the Torrington. The Ems also put back damaged. The Torrington was assisted off, and continued her voyage, but grounded when entering port, and had some difficulty in getting into harbour. The Corcoran, after being in collision with the Torrington, ran into the German steamer Andalusia, which was aground near Wittenberg.

SPORTING.

Rifle Shooting.

A rifle shooting match between the Blackwood Rifle Association and H.M.S. Thistle took place the other day and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the representatives of the Navy. The terms were two ranges, seven shots and a sighter, and appended are the scores.

	200	450
Craddock	15	17-32
Robertson	22	13-35
Palmer	30	24-54
Corcoran	18	11-29
Byth	27	32-59
Smith	21	24-45
Luff	22	23-45
Total	229	

H. M. S. THISTLE.

Duckham	29	29-58
Hughes	26	23-49
Mr. Whiting	27	22-49
Dr. Yettis	28	23-51
Tucker	25	22-51
Priddy	22	19-45
Abbot	23	17-39
Total	229	342

At the rehearsing of the charge made by the Wigan Northern Rifle Association against Edward Croston, of attempting to bribe Tidd and Johnston, two New Zealand players acting as professionals for the Wigan team, to lose a game against Hunslet, the magistrates sent the accused to goal for two months with hard labour. Croston, it was stated, offered the players £20 each and his share of betting wins; but he denied that he had done more than make a joking offer of "a handful" if they would not try to win.

A FOREIGNER DROWNED AT TAIPEI.

A very sad incident, involving the death of a popular member of the small foreign community, recently occurred at Taipei, Formosa. It appears, says the *Kobe Herald*, that Mr. Barlow and Mr. F. C. Hogg, who was until recently a member of the staff of Messrs. Tate and Co. Ltd. office, went out in a boat to the river to have a swim. Mr. Hogg had got into the water and was swimming, when Mr. Barlow dived off the boat and unfortunately got into difficulties in deep water. Mr. Hogg went to the rescue and managed to get his friend to the shore. Subsequently, however, Mr. Barlow was carried away by the current. Mr. Hogg again went to his assistance and made a pincery attempt to get him to land. The drowning man claimed him, however, and after a desperate effort to gain a place of safety, Mr. Hogg, finding that they were both drowning, was obliged to free himself and make for the shore, which he eventually reached with much difficulty in a completely exhausted condition. At the inquest held by the Japanese authorities the cause of Mr. Barlow's death was given as heart failure. The tragic course caused the deepest regret among the foreign residents at Taipei and much sympathy is felt with Mr. Hogg at the failure of his gallant efforts to save his friend.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Fox of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 22nd at 11.00 a.m.—The barometer has risen along the Yangtze, and fallen elsewhere, particularly over the N.E. coast of China and W. Japan.
The depression has passed from the northern shores of the China Sea during the next 24 hours.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:
Forecast Duration:
1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N. and N.E. winds, freshening considerably; fair.
2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

If ordering household supplies, don't forget to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. You may not need it now, but it is never far from hand when it is over. It never fails in case of cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, and all the ailments of the throat and lungs. It is the only remedy that will cure all these ailments.

To-day's Advertisements

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the last day of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th December respectively.

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 22, 1908. 1715

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XMAS CAKES

MADE OF THE BEST
INGREDIENTS AND FRESH
AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

NOW READY.

H. BUTTONJEE & SON,

Wine & Provision Merchants.

Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 32

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTES FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

TOKIN.

Captain CHARBONNEL will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst., at 6 a.m.

A. NALIN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 22, 1908. 1718

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER TOKIN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from London

or ex *Charente* and *Malakoff*, from Bordeaux at 5 a.m. and *Ville d'Arras* in connection with the above steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining on board after TUESDAY, the 23rd December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th December, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 23rd December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 22, 1908. 1714

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship *Ernst Reinhard* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that Goods will be landed into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd December, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd December, 1908, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIEBER & Co.,
Private Buildings,
Hongkong, December 22, 1908. 1716

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 22, 1908.

On London.

Bank Wire ... 1/8 1/2

On demand ... 1/8 1/2

30 days sight ... 1/8 1/2

4 months sight ... 1/8 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight ... 1/8 1/2

On Paris ... 212

On demand ... 212

Credit, 60 days sight ... 212

On Berlin ... 172 1/2

On demand ... 172 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight ... 172 1/2

On Bombay ... 120 1/2

On demand ... 120 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight ... 120 1/2

On Calcutta ... 120 1/2

On demand ... 120 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight ... 120 1/2

On Shanghai ... 75 1/2

On demand ... 75 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight ... 75 1/2

On Yokohama ... 82 1/2

On demand ... 82 1/2

Credit, 60 days sight ... 82 1/2

On Hongkong ... 100

On demand ... 100

Credit, 60 days sight ... 100

On Formosa Channel ... 100

On demand ... 100

Credit, 60 days sight ... 100

On South coast of China ... 100

On demand ... 100

Credit, 60 days sight ... 100

On Hainan ... 100

On demand ... 100

Credit, 60 days sight ... 100

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 21.

Yokohama, British steamer, 1,206, W. O. Jones, Chinkiang and Shanghai Dec. 19, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Batavia, British steamer, 1,919, R. W. Almond, Manila December 19, General. — SHIPWAY.

Dokohai, British steamer, 2,592, Ross, from San Francisco, Kerosine Oil. — STANFORD OIL CO.

Kashio, British steamer, 1,143, T. W. Pickard, Chinkiang Dec. 16, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hong Kong, British steamer, 2,035, Horne, Singapore Dec. 16, General. — CHINESE.

Yokohama, Japanese steamer, 1,040, Comdr. F. H. Walker, Labuan and Manila Dec. 17, General. — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Nikko Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,434, R. Swain, Yokohama, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama Dec. 12, General. — NIPPON Yusen Kaisha.

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